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1. Extensive work has been under way since the spring of 1954 in the area north of Lovosice (N 50-31, E 14-04), west of the course of the Elbe, north of the village of Dubrovice. Work had been undertaken at this point by the Germans during World War II.¹ According to rumors, this is an underground industrial structure. It is also rumored that it is an atomic factory.
2. The work area is guarded by military units and is closed to civilian traffic. The area measures approximately 4,000 x 6,000 meters. A few villages in the area have been partly evacuated. Some 3,000 men are employed on the project; almost all of them are politically suspect and are on their way to forced-labor camps near the border. Modern machines are being used. From 20 to 25 separate work yards are scattered over the work area. The work is reportedly scheduled for completion within three years.

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Comment: The reference is presumably to the underground plant previously reported as the Richard plant near Litomerice (N 50-32, E 14-08).

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